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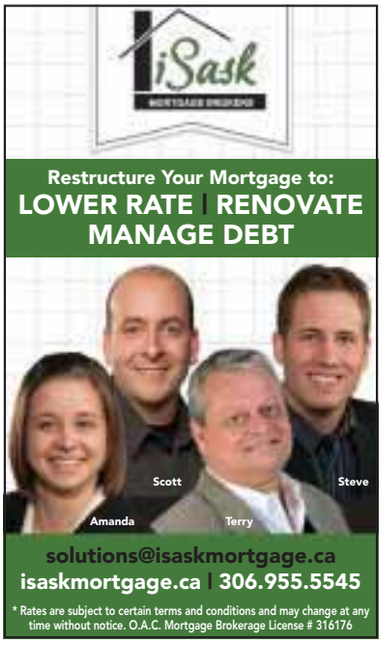

Wall, Ghiz MoBros for life

Men's health issues. Saskatchewan premier beats out 'Magnum P.E.I.' for fundraising bragging rights

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It's not the quality of your moustache that matters, it's the quality of men's health.

At least, that's the message both Premier Brad Wall and his Movember rival, P.E.I Premier Robert Ghiz, are sending out at the end of their month-long moustache-growing competition.

"It's about the money we can raise for prostate cancer ... but it's also about awareness.... We want men, if you're over 40, to be checked — to get examined. If you don't, that's dumb," Wall told reporters on Thursday.

Kicking off Movember, Wall challenged Ghiz to a 'stache-off — a challenge Ghiz took, calling his campaign "Magnum P.E.I."

"The campaign has been a great opportunity for myself and Brad to have a friendly competition and raise some money for a good cause," said Ghiz in an email Thursday. "So far, we've both raised a good amount of money for men's health and I'm confident that my mustache looks better than Brad's!"

While Wall has remained in the lead for fundraising, he admitted that Ghiz has managed to grow a better moustache.

"I feel happy for Robert that he's got such a great moustache," said Wall.

Ghiz, who has recently become dean of premiers, is the longest-serving premier as well as the youngest.

"I told him he needs the facial hair if he's supposed to be the veteran among us," Wall joked. By Thursday night, Wall had raised $14,821 while Ghiz had raised $12,301. Each premier donated $200 to his MoBros campaign.

Brad Wall, left, challenged P.E.I. Premier Robert Ghiz to join him in participating in Movember — a challenge Ghiz happily accepted. At the end of the month, the premiers have collectively raised more than $27,000 for the charity, which targets prostate cancer and mental health. WALL: ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO, GHIZ: CONTRIBUTED

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RCMP live-tweets all calls made in Saskatchewan

Inside a police call centre. RCMP open their phone lines to Twitter, tweeting everything from stolen cars to collisions

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Metro in Regina

The communication centre of the RCMP live-tweeted all their calls Thursday night in hopes of spreading awareness about their public role.

"We would never be able to invite as many people as we wanted to come into our call centre and basically look over our shoulder while we take calls," said Natalie Gray, a communications specialist with the RCMP, who was one the people live-tweeting.

At a press conference Thursday afternoon, Grey said every single call received between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. would be tweeted out with the hashtag #CopCalls, whether it's a 911 hangup, an assault or a traffic collision.

"We respond to a wide variety of calls and I think after people spend a few hours with us tonight they will have a really good understanding of the scope and variety of the work that we do," said Gray.

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Logo release kicks off 2013 Grey Cup celebrations

With the unveiling of the 2013 Grey Cup logo, the Queen City has gone into celebration mode. Organizers released the logo Thursday night at Evraz Place to a party of Rider fans. The logo is meant to play off the passion of fans in Riderville, which last hosted the Grey Cup game in 2003. Check out metronews.ca for more on the event. CONTRIBUTED

Still seeking donations

United Way 'on track' to reach fundraising goal

The United Way says they've reached roughly 80 per cent of their $6.7-million fundraising goal.

The public campaign push will be wrapping up at the end of November, but organizers say the pressure is still on.

"This is always crunch time for United Way, because technically we pull back in the community and let some other charities take the forefront over the December month, but we're still collecting dollars and donations are coming in," said Myra Potter, director of resource development with the United Way.

Currently the United Way has raised $5.3 million dollars and they will continue to seek donations until January. On Jan. 23 they will announce the final fundraising total.

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The government says they represent about five per cent of the paid workforce in the province.

Legislation requires the minimum wage to be reviewed by the government every two years.

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Saskatoon Health Region

Government-run cafeterias bleeding money: Review

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation says three government-run cafeterias in the Saskatoon Health Region are bleeding money.

The federation says documents obtained through a freedom-of-information request show the food outlets have lost $1.2 million over the past two years.

The organization also says the province should be earning money instead by renting the space to private operators.

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Uh ... go green?

Help save the planet before you die — or after

Saskatchewan has approved a new and greener way to deal with bodies.

Todd Lumbard of Speers Funeral Home says the end results of alkaline hydrolysis are a lot like cremation.

An alkaline solution is used in a pressurized chamber, and bodies are essentially reduced to liquid and bone. The liquid is flushed away or poured down the drain.

Lumbard says alkaline hydrolysis has a much smaller carbon footprint than cremation so it is seen as a more environmentally friendly option. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CJME

Wax on, wax off: Teachers lose leg hair for international cause

Think local, act global. Students learn about global reach while raising funds for soccer equipment for 25 children from Uganda

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Students at E.D. Feehan Catholic High School got a lesson about the importance of thinking locally and acting globally on Thursday afternoon.

Students from the school's social-justice group is spearheading a project to raise money for soccer equipment for 25 children in Kidera, Uganda.

As part of a pep-rally, some of the school's staff got their legs waxed to raise funds for the cause.

Roy Sondershausen, principal of E.D. Feehan — who now has one baby-smooth leg — said this kind of activity is important for students.

"Our students, we would like them to reach out to transform the world all the time," said Sondershausen.

One of the staff at E.D. Feehan is originally from Kidera, and Gayle Brodie, the school's teacher chaplain who leads the social justice group, said having that personal connection is a big part of the project.

"The very personal aspect of this particular fundraiser is what's really going to hit home with our students — especially when we get the stories back from the kids whose lives we are impacting," said Brodie.

"I think this is just the beginning of something great, of a partnership with Kidera to help their community," she added.

So far the students have raised roughly $775 for the Kidera soccer children in Uganda.

Brodie said the money will be used to buy materials for soccer bibs, purchase soccer balls and, if possible, buy running shoes for each of the children.

Quoted

"It's not just acting locally in their own community. It's about reaching out into the rest of the world."

Roy Sondershausen, principal of E.D. Feehan Catholic High School

Roy Sondershausen, principal of E.D. Feehan Catholic High School, winces in pain as he gets his legs waxed. The sacrifice is for a good cause — donations raised will go to buy soccer bibs and soccer balls for 25 Ugandan children. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

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Syrians stand near a burning truck that was destroyed by cars bombs in Damascus on Wednesday. Two U.S.-based Internet-monitoring companies say Syria has shut off online access nationwide. Activists in Syria reached Thursday by satellite telephone confirmed the unprecedented blackout. SANA NEWS AGENCY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Internet shut down in Syria as airport battle rages on

Blackout. Cellphone service also cut in attempt to block communications between rebel forces

The Syrian government shut down the Internet across the country and cut cellphone services in select areas Thursday as rebels and government troops waged fierce battles near the capital's airport, forcing international airlines to suspend flights, activists said.

The Internet blackout, confirmed by two U.S.-based companies that monitor online connectivity, is unprecedented in Syria's 20-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. Regime forces have suffered a string of tactical defeats in recent weeks — losing air bases and other strategic facilities — and the blackout may be an attempt by the government to dull any further rebel offensives by hampering communications.

Authorities often cut phone lines and Internet access in areas where regime forces are conducting major military operations to disrupt rebel communications. Activists in Syria reached Thursday by satellite telephone confirmed the blackout.

Renesys, a U.S.-based network security firm that studies Internet disruptions, said in a statement that Syria effectively disappeared from the Internet at 12:26 p.m. local time.

"In the global routing table, all 84 of Syria's IP address blocks have become unreachable, effectively removing the country from the Internet," Renesys said.

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A council divided

Envoy to Syria says Security Council key to peace

Divisions in the Security Council are blocking progress toward ending the violence in Syria, and any cease-fire will require an international peacekeeping force, the United Nations envoy for the country said Thursday.

Lakhdar Brahimi said he has the elements for a possible peace plan, but they "cannot be put together until the (Security Council) has come together and is ready to adopt a resolution that will be the basis for a political process."

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Soldier in WikiLeaks case felt caged

A U.S. soldier charged in the biggest security breach in the country's history testified Thursday that he felt like a doomed, caged animal after he was arrested in Iraq for allegedly sending classified information to the secret-spilling website WikiLeaks.

Bradley Manning testified on the third day of a pretrial hearing. His lawyers are seeking dismissal of all charges, contending his pretrial confinement in a Marine Corps brig in the U.S. was needlessly harsh.

Before he was sent to the brig in July 2010, Manning spent time in a cell in a segregation tent at Camp Arifjan, an Army installation in Kuwait.

"I remember thinking I'm going to die. I'm stuck inside this cage," a nervous Manning said under questioning by defence attorney David Coombs. "I just thought I was going to die in that cage. And that's how I saw it — an animal cage."

The 24-year-old intelligence analyst is trying to avoid trial.

He argues he was punished enough when he was locked up alone in a small cell for nearly nine months in solitary confinement and had to sleep naked for several nights.

The military contends the treatment at the time was proper.

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Bradley Manning's lawyers are arguing that his confinement was needlessly harsh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cult kids return home to Canada

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Marcel Pontbriand of Beloeil, Que., led the cult, which allegedly separated kids from their parents.

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Biohazard

Man jailed for syringe assaults

A Quebec man who hid dirty syringes in clothing at a shopping mall has been sentenced to four years in jail.

Claude Letourneau had pleaded guilty to 32 counts of theft, assault with a weapon causing harm and assault with a weapon.

Several shoppers were pricked by the needles and had to undergo drug treatment.

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Salvation Army

Second charged in $2M toy theft

A second person has been charged in connection with the theft of 100,000 toys and other items from a Salvation Army warehouse in Toronto, police said Thursday.

Umaish Ramrattan, 61, of Ajax, faces 40 charges, including several counts of theft and possession of stolen property, and is to appear in court on Jan. 4.

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Espionage

Warrants for spy to be released

The federal Crown has consented to unsealing redacted versions of three search warrants used to obtain evidence against a navy officer who pleaded guilty last month to passing military secrets to Russia.

Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle pleaded guilty in October to passing information to a foreign entity and breach of trust for selling classified information. He will be sentenced Jan. 10.

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Quebec holds blood for fear of contamination

Concern at provincial blood supply agency. Tiny cracks in the packaging may have been the result of a manufacturing defect

Quebec's health minister offered assurances to patients on Thursday after the agency that oversees blood supplies in the province temporarily suspended use of some of its stock.

The problem has led to the postponement of some operations throughout the province.

"There is no contamination of the blood in Quebec," Health Minister Rejean Hebert told reporters in Quebec City.

"There is a problem with some batches of blood that could be contaminated, and we have withdrawn those batches of blood to be sure there's no problem."

Hebert insisted there is no risk to patients, adding that the agency, Hema-Quebec, has the reserves necessary to fulfil the needs of hospitals.

A Montreal health services spokeswoman said some elective surgeries at five area hospitals were delayed, including heart operations at three major Montreal hospitals.

A spokesman for Hema-Quebec said there was a problem with the equipment used to keep blood. Tiny cracks were found in some packaging used to store blood stock at a Montreal holding facility.

Laurent-Paul Menard said the blood, some of which had already been distributed to hospitals, risked being exposed to air, which creates favourable conditions for bacteria.

Menard said about 70 per cent of the agency's stock might be held for examination.

Hema-Quebec suggested the leaks in the bags appeared to have been a manufacturing defect. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A bag of blood is shown at a Montreal clinic on Thursday. Exposure to air could make a portion of the supply unusable. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspended

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The amount of the agency's blood stock that might be held for examination due to fears of bacterial contaminants

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Palestinians celebrate the UN vote in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinians win UN statehood by a landslide

138 to 9 victory. Only Canada, U.S., Israel, the Czech Republic, Panama and four tiny island nations opposed

The United Nations voted overwhelmingly Thursday to recognize a Palestinian state, a long-sought victory for the Palestinians and an embarrassing diplomatic defeat for the United States.

The resolution upgrading the Palestinians' status to a nonmember observer state at the UN was approved by a vote of 138-9, with 41 abstentions.

A Palestinian flag was quickly unfurled on the floor of the General Assembly, behind the Palestinian delegation. In the West Bank city of Ramallah, hundreds crowded into the main square, waved flags and chanted "God is great."

Real independence, however, remains elusive until the Palestinians negotiate a peace deal with the Israelis, who warned that the UN action will only delay a lasting solution.

Israel's take

"The Palestinians are turning their backs on peace."
Ron Prosor, Israel's UN ambassador

Israel still controls the West Bank, east Jerusalem and access to Gaza and it accused the Palestinians of bypassing negotiations with the campaign.

The Palestinians still face enormous limitations. They don't control their borders, airspace or trade, they have separate and competing governments in Gaza and the West Bank and they have no unified army or police.

The United States immediately criticized the vote. "Today's unfortunate and counterproductive resolution places further obstacles in the path to peace," UN Ambassador Susan Rice said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the speech by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas before the vote "defamatory and venomous," saying it was "full of mendacious propaganda."

Netanyahu said the UN move violated past agreements between Israel and the Palestinians and that Israel would act accordingly, without elaborating what steps it might take.

The Palestinians now can gain access to UN agencies and international bodies, most significantly the International Criminal Court, which could become a springboard for going after Israel for alleged war crimes or its ongoing settlement building on war-won land.

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Domestic take

Canada considers retaliation

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird used the podium at the United Nations General Assembly to denounce the world body Thursday for its "utterly regrettable decision" to allow a vote on Palestinian statehood.

Baird also suggested Canada will take retaliatory measures against the Palestinians for forcing the issue onto the world stage. He didn't say what, but the obvious option would be suspending aid.

Baird said Canada was voting against the initiative because "we are firmly convinced (it) will undermine the objective of reaching a comprehensive, lasting and just settlement for both sides."

"This resolution will not advance the cause of peace.... Will the Palestinian people be better off as a result? No. On the contrary, this unilateral step will harden positions and raise unrealistic expectations." THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.Y. cop praised as an officer and a gentleman

Kindness goes viral.
Police officer buys boots for barefoot homeless man on frigid night of Nov. 14

A tourist's snapshot of a New York City police officer giving new boots to a barefoot homeless man in Times Square has created an online sensation.

Jennifer Foster, of Arizona, was visiting New York with her boyfriend on Nov. 14, when she came across the shoeless man asking for change in Times Square. As she was about to approach him, she said the officer — identified as Larry DePrimo — came up to the man with a pair of all-weather boots and thermal socks on the frigid night. She recorded his generosity on her cellphone.

DePrimo, speaking to reporters on Thursday, remembered the night clearly, that even with two pairs of socks on, his feet were freezing.

The homeless man "didn't even have a pair of socks on and I could only imagine how cold that pavement was," the 25-year-old said.

Foster's photo was posted Tuesday night to the NYPD's official Facebook page and became an instant hit. More than 420,000 users "liked" it as of Thursday evening, and more than 140,000 shared it.

Thousands of people commented, including one person who praised him as "An officer AND a Gentleman."

The photo shows the officer kneeling beside the man with the boots at his feet. A shoe store is seen in the background.

"I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you," Foster quoted DePrimo as saying to the man.

She wrote: "The officer squatted down on the ground and proceeded to put socks and the new boots on this man. The officer expected NOTHING in return and did not know I was watching."

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This screenshot taken from Facebook shows policeman Larry DePrimo giving boots to a homeless man.
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Activists want action on tuna decline

Environmental activists depict a school of tuna during a rally outside the Japanese Embassy in suburban Pasay, south of Manila in the Philippines, Thursday. In their statement, the group demanded countries joining the ninth regular session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission agree on conservation and management measures to address the alleged fast-declining supply of Pacific tuna. AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Runaway zebra and horse take to Staten Island streets

New York City can be like a zoo sometimes, but a zebra running wild through the streets is not something you ordinarily see.

The Staten Island Advance reports a zebra and a miniature horse were spotted trotting through a shopping centre parking lot Wednesday morning in Staten Island.

Metropolitan Drape & Blind owner Zachary Osher saw the runaway equines and shared his video with the newspaper. He says the animals narrowly escaped being hit by a car.

Two men in dark suits ran after them with lassoes.

Police say they were corralled and returned to a local petting zoo, thus ending their short adventure.

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Surface melt water rushes along the surface of the Greenland Ice Sheet through a supra-glacial stream channel in this July photo. Polar ice sheets are now melting three times faster than in the 1990s, but so far that's added just less than half an inch to already rising global sea levels, a new comprehensive scientific study says. IAN JOUGHIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Ice sheets playing larger role in rising sea level

Climate change. Melting ice now responsible for 40 per cent of overall sea-level rise, up from 20 per cent in the '90s

Heating up

"Greenland is losing mass at about five times the rate today as it was in the early 1990s."

Erik Ivins of California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory
on the increasing melting rate of ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica

A study believed to be the most comprehensive ever done of the planet's ice sheets shows that, overall, they are melting faster and faster.

And as world leaders meet in Doha, Qatar, to discuss responses to climate change, the paper published Thursday in the journal Science shows the loss of ice from Greenland and the Antarctic is making an ever-greater contribution to rising sea levels.

"It's an observation with sufficient certainty to tell people the changes in the polar ice sheets are very much in line with what we expect those changes in climate to produce," said co-author Andrew Shepherd of the University of Leeds.

Shepherd was one of an international team of 47 scientists who combined a wide array of data from 10 satellite missions and other sources to provide the clearest picture yet of what has been happening with the massive sheets of ancient ice that help anchor Earth's climate at both ends.

Overall, the sheets have lost about 4,250 gigatonnes of ice since 1992, enough to raise the average sea level around the globe by 11 millimetres.

That may not sound like much, but Erik Ivins of California's Jet Propulsion Laboratory says it's enough to matter.

"When you have 11 millimetres of increased sea level, if you compute the amount of mass that's capable of coming on shore during storm surge, it's a lot of mass," he said. "Small changes in sea levels in certain places mean very big changes in the kind of protection of infrastructure you need to have in place."

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Making progress. Obama admin. says AIDS-free generation within reach

The Obama administration is releasing an ambitious road map to slash the global spread of AIDS by getting more people treated sooner and accelerating the use of other proven tools.

Thursday's report outlines how progress could continue if U.S. spending remains constant — something far from certain as Congress and President Barack Obama struggle to avert looming budget cuts at year's end.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says the plan shows her call for an AIDS-free generation is a goal within reach.

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Some 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV.

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NASA. Spacecraft confirms ice at shadowy north pole of Mercury

A NASA spacecraft has confirmed there's ice at Mercury's north pole.

Scientists announced Thursday that the orbiting probe, Messenger, has found evidence of frozen water, even though Mercury is the closest planet to the sun.

The ice is located in the permanently shadowed region of Mercury's north pole. It's thought to be at least 1.5 feet (0.46 metres) deep — and possibly as much as 65 feet (19.8 metres) deep.

Scientists say it's likely Mercury's south pole also has ice, though there are no data to support it. Messenger orbits much closer to the north pole than the south.

Radar measurements, for years, have suggested the presence of ice. Now scientists know for a fact.

Messenger is the first spacecraft to orbit Mercury. It was launched in 2004.

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White Russia

Men try to push a car on a snow-covered road in Moscow on Thursday. A record-breaking snowfall in Moscow has disrupted flights and created havoc on the roads. Forecasters say the storm will rage until Friday morning. Moscow's city hall said the Russian capital hasn't seen a bigger snowfall in November in about 50 years. More than 70 flights were disrupted overnight. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moscow. Court orders removal of Pussy Riot videos from websites

The video of punk band Pussy Riot's performance in Russia's main cathedral is extremist and must be removed from the web, a Moscow court ruled Thursday.

Moscow's Zamoskvoretsky court banned the video of the group's February performance, ordering it and three other videos to be removed from all websites. Prosecutors began looking into the Pussy Riot videos after a nationalist lawmaker suggested that they insulted believers.

The performance was protesting Vladimir Putin's return to the presidency in March's election and the outspoken support for his bid by the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Pussy Riot's videos were banned under Russia's vaguely defined "extremism" law, which is supposed to restrict neo-Nazi and terrorist groups. Critics accuse the Kremlin of exploiting the law to stifle opposition and free speech.

In September, Russian courts banned The Innocence of Muslims, a low-budget movie that portrays Muhammad as a fraud and child molester.

Internet providers will be required to block access to the Pussy Riot video in a month if no appeal is filed. Russian web guru Anton Nosik told the Interfax news agency that Russians would doubtless be able to access the video anyway on servers based outside Russia and not subject to the law.

Three members of Pussy Riot were found guilty of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred in August and sentenced to two years in prison in a case that drew condemnation from many in the West. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of Russian punk band Pussy Riot wear masks and tape their mouths shut as they protest in front of the Russian embassy in August. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Myanmar

Police crack down on mine protest

Security forces used water cannons, tear gas and smoke bombs Thursday to clear protesters from a copper mine in Myanmar, wounding villagers and Buddhist monks in the biggest use of force against demonstrators since the reformist government of President Thein Sein took office last year.

The government initially acknowledged using riot-control measures but denied using excessive force. It later retracted the statement.

Protesters oppose the mine's impact on villagers and the environment.
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Cyprus

Government ordered to pay deceived widow

Andriani Palma says she feels cheated for each of the 22 years she wasn't told her husband was killed during fighting in Cyprus in 1974.

Living with the hope he might return, she lived a kind of suspended animation, unwilling to remarry and move on. "They denied me my youth, the joys of being young, they denied me everything," she said. "We've lived a mockery all those years."

On Thursday, a court ordered the government to pay $417,668 in damages.
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Russia

Meet Barsik, the class lion cub

Most primary-school classes get a goldfish or a turtle, if they're lucky — but children from one village in southern Russia got to play with a lion cub.

Children found the cub Wednesday and brought it to their teacher, who kept it in the gym, police said. While waiting for police, children petted and played with the cub, named Barsik. One boy even tried to ride it like a horse while it mewled and swiped at the air. The cub had escaped from a car on the way to a zoo.
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Qatar

Poet sentenced to life for politics

A Qatari poet was sentenced Thursday to life in prison for an Arab Spring–inspired verse that officials claim insulted Qatar's emir and encouraged the overthrow of the nation's ruling system, his attorney said.

It was the latest blow from a widening clampdown on perceived dissent across the Gulf Arab states.

The poet's lawyer said he planned to appeal.

Muhammad ibn al-Dheeb Al-Ajami, a student, was jailed after an Internet video was posted of him reciting Tunisian Jasmine, a poem lauding the country's popular uprising.
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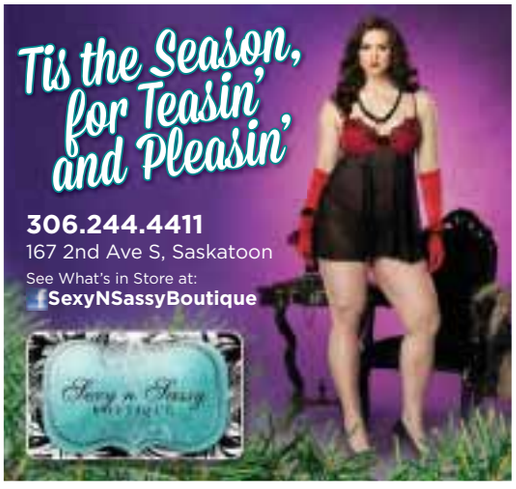

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JUMPSTART INVESTS $12 MILLION ACROSS CANADA

Canadian Tire Jumpstart has reached a monumental milestone: The national charity has helped more than 500,000 children across Canada between the ages of four and 18 take part in organized sports and recreation since its inception in 2005.

"This is a celebratory and significant milestone," says Bal Gosal, Canada's minister of sport. "Physical activity and access to sports for our kids is key to a healthier, stronger country. Canadian Tire Jumpstart is making a real difference in the lives of many young Canadians."

Thanks to generous donations as well as support from the Canadian Tire Corporation, dealers as well as vendors, Jumpstart has helped half a million kids participate in 78 different activities, from swimming and hockey to football and dance. By the end of 2012, Jumpstart will distribute $12 million back into Canadian communities to help kids who otherwise could not participate in having a sporting chance.

Jumpstart is unique in its ability to work in every community across Canada with 315 local chapters created and managed by volunteers and caring Canadian citizens. These chapters work closely with more than 2,400 community partners to identify families with financial needs whose children would benefit from participating in the programs. It is a perfect formula for a national charity to help at the local level.

So how can ordinary Canadians help the one in three families that can't afford to pay the fees for organized sport and recreation programs? There are many ways to get involved. One hundred per cent of donations made at any Canadian Tire, Canadian Tire Petroleum or Mark's locations remain directly in your community. Or, one way this holiday season is to go online and donate to the Jumpstart Symbolic Giving Program; there's no better gift to give than the chance for a child to enrol in a season of sport and recreation.

Last Christmas, instead of exchanging gifts with her Canadian Women's Hockey League Toronto Furies' teammates, goaltender Sami Jo Small and the other players pitched in to buy a $200 Canadian Tire Jumpstart hockey registration for a Canadian child who wanted to play the sport they love but wasn't financially able.

"We plan to do it again this year," says Small, the three-time Olympic women's hockey team champion who is also a Canadian Tire Jumpstart ambassador. "You don't have to spend a lot to make a big difference in a child's life."

The momentum behind Jumpstart is awe-inspiring. "Our vision is more than getting children involved in sports and recreation — it's to have a country where all kids have a chance to fulfill their dreams," says Johnny Misley, the president of Canadian Tire Jumpstart.

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Winter in Saskatchewan just wouldn't be the same without hockey. When Saskatoon Canadian Tire dealers Dave Deplaedt and Paul Cairns were looking for a way to get more young people involved in the sport, they hit on a novel idea.

Why not create a hockey league for youth who might not be able to afford to play the game?

The Preston Crossing Canadian Tire assistant store manager Adam Ross organized the league, which is made up of five inner-city high schools. Canadian Tire Jumpstart contributed the much-needed funding for equipment and ice time.

The league was an immediate hit. "We left it up to the school co-ordinators to choose who was accepted into the program," says Ross. "We wanted to bring in kids who had never had the opportunity to be involved in organized sports."

Now in its second year, the league is even attracting new Canadians who have recently emigrated from countries where hockey isn't a familiar sport. "Some of them have never even been on skates before," says Ross. "They really enjoy it, and the impact this will have on them is life-changing."

One way to give this holiday is through Jumpstart's Symbolic Giving Program, which allows you to give the gift of a season of sport to a child in need. From hockey lessons for $200 to swimming lessons for $75, find the perfect holiday gift.

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New body needed to corral press: U.K. judge

Media ethics inquiry. PM objects to report's key recommendation, citing free-speech infringement concerns

Not just a few bad apples

While many editors have denied knowing about phone hacking, Lord Justice Brian Leveson said it "was far more than a covert, secret activity, known to nobody save one or two practitioners of the 'dark arts.'"

In 2,000-page report on the ethics of the British media released Thursday, Lord Justice Brian Leveson said the press should be regulated by a new body with much stronger powers than the current Press Complaints Commission. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Britain's unruly newspapers should be regulated by an independent body dominated by non-journalists with the power to levy steep fines, a judge said Thursday in a report that pleased victims of tabloid intrusion but left editors worrying about creeping state control of the country's fiercely independent press.

Prime Minister David Cameron echoed concerns about government interference, expressing misgivings about a key recommendation of the report — that the new regulator be enshrined in law.

He called on the much criticized press to show it could control itself by implementing the judge's proposals quickly — and without political involvement.

"I'm proud of the fact that we've managed to survive hundreds of years without state regulation," he said.

Lord Justice Brian Leveson issued his 2,000-page report at the end of a media ethics inquiry triggered by a scandal over tabloid phone hacking that expanded to engulf senior figures in politics, the police and Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

His key recommendation was to create a new print-media regulator, which he said should be established in law to prevent more people being hurt by "outrageous" press behaviour that had "wreaked havoc with the lives of innocent people whose rights and liberties have been disdained."

Cameron, under intense pressure from both sides of an issue that has divided his own Conservative Party, welcomed Leveson's proposal for a new regulator and said "the status quo is not an option."

But he said that asking legislators to enshrine it in law meant "crossing the Rubicon of writing elements of press regulation into the law of the land."

"I believe that we should be wary of any legislation that has the potential to infringe free speech and a free press," Cameron told the House of Commons.

"In this House, which has been a bulwark of democracy for centuries, we should think very, very carefully before crossing this line."

Leveson insisted politicians and the government should play no role in regulating the press, which should be done by a new body with much stronger powers than the current Press Complaints Commission. But the judge said it was "essential that there should be legislation to underpin the independent self-regulatory system."

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Hostess Brands. Court approves Twinkie maker's bankruptcy — including executive bonuses

Hostess Brands Inc. got final approval for its wind-down plans in bankruptcy court Thursday, setting the stage for its iconic snack cakes to find a second life with new owners — even as 18,000 jobs will be wiped out.

The company said in court that it's in talks with 110 potential buyers for its brands, which include CupCakes, Ding Dongs and Ho Hos. The suitors include at least five national retailers such as supermarkets, a financial adviser for Hostess said.

The process has been "so fast and furious" Hostess wasn't able to make its planned calls to potential buyers, said Joshua Scherer of Perella Weinberg Partners.

"Not only are these buyers serious, but they are expecting to spend substantial sums," he said, noting that six of them had hired investment banks to help in the process.

The update on the sale process came as Hostess also received approval to give its top executives bonuses totalling up to $1.8 million US for meeting certain budget goals to bring down costs during the liquidation. The company says the incentive pay is needed to retain the 19 corporate officers and "high-level managers" during the wind down process, which could take about a year.

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By the numbers

$125K

The bonuses do not include pay for CEO Gregory Rayburn, who was brought on as a restructuring expert earlier this year. Rayburn is being paid $125,000 US a month.

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XL Foods

Same rules apply to meat for export, domestic markets: Inspection agency

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says the same safety standards apply to meat for domestic consumption and for overseas exports, and that reports to the contrary are "categorically false."

The embattled federal food safety agency is reacting to a media report that inspectors at the XL Foods processing plant in Brooks, Alta., were told to ignore contamination on cattle carcasses unless they were destined for Japan.

A memo to inspectors, dated September 2008, instructs them to ensure all "Japan-eligible" beef has been 100 per cent verified for removal of fecal, intestinal and spinal cord materials. The same memo tells inspectors at the Japan Dura Mater station on the production line to ignore such contamination for meat not destined for Japan.

But a spokeswoman for the agency says the memo was about division of labour, and that the Japan inspection station was not the end of the line.

Lisa Gauthier of the CFIA says in a release that there is "zero tolerance for any form of contamination" and that there are multiple points of detection along the processing line.

XL Foods was the scene of the largest beef recall in Canadian history this fall after meat contaminated with E. coli was stopped at the Canadian-American border in September.

People in at least four provinces were found to have been made ill by the E. coli strain and the XL plant only reopened at the end of October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Record annual profit

Royal Bank reports $1.9B net earnings in fourth quarter

The Royal Bank reported a record annual profit for its latest year, including $1.9 billion in the fourth quarter, powered by its personal-banking business.

The first of Canada's big banks to report its fourth-quarter results said personal- and commercial-banking business earnings topped $1 billion for the quarter. Chief executive Gord Nixon said the bank would use its size to continue to grow despite expectations for the pace to slow. "While we anticipate that the strong growth in consumer lending that we experienced this year will moderate, we continue to have good momentum in the higher-margin commercial business," he said.

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Enbridge fire 'preventable,' watchdog says

Ontario. National Energy Board's report on 2009 incident comes as company seeks approval for $6B Northern Gateway project

The National Energy Board says poor oversight and communication were to blame for an Enbridge natural gas pipeline fire west of Toronto more than three years ago.

In September 2009, a contractor was working on the line in Mississauga, Ont., and damaged part of it, causing gas to escape and ignite. A flame shot up 50 metres into the air.

"Examination of the evidence, documents gathered, and interviews conducted indicate that the incident was preceded by a number of contributing conditions and unsafe acts," the NEB said in a report released this week.

No one was hurt in the fire and the environmental impact was limited, but a building, vehicles and construction equipment were damaged. Nearby businesses, including a strip mall and daycare, were evacuated as a precaution.

In the report, the federal energy watchdog says the incident was "preventable."

"Though no people were injured and the incident resulted in minimal impacts to public safety, the environment or the economy, the potential impact of an event of this magnitude cannot be ignored," it said.

Enbridge spokeswoman Chris Meyer said the company is reviewing the NEB's findings.

"Safety is our priority and after the incident we reviewed what happened and we've implemented changes to help prevent a similar situation from occurring again," she said.

The NEB says Enbridge's gas distribution unit did not have a copy of its safety manual on site and didn't adequately communicate hazards to contracted workers or make sure they were following proper procedures.

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Consequences

- Both Enbridge and the contractor have pleaded guilty to violations under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- The Ontario Court of Justice has sentenced each to a $50,000 fine.

What's their beef? Low wages, no union

Protesters, many of them employees at Wendy's, demonstrate outside of one of the restaurants to demand higher pay and the right to form a union on Thursday in New York City. The campaign, called Fast Food Forward, organized protests at other New York fast-food establishments. The group seeks to double hourly pay to $15 US an hour. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

On the up

Top 5 automakers on track to bring in record profit this year: Scotiabank

The world's five-largest automakers are on track to post the industry's most profitable year on record — continuing an upward trend that is likely to continue for some time, according to a report from Scotiabank.

Based on profits recorded over the first nine months of the year, Scotiabank estimates the global auto giants are headed for a combined $61.4 billion US in profit this year.

That's a huge rebound from the industry downturn sparked four years ago by a credit crisis in the U.S. banking sector.

The report says investors and corporate officials are worried about the industry's deteriorating prospects in Western Europe, but that's offset by the growing importance of developing markets.

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A funny thing happens when you tell kids they matter. They believe you.
An alarming 40,000 kids drop out of high school every year. Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada are committed to changing that. They provide a safe and supportive place where kids can develop confidence and life skills. They offer programs like Rogers Raising the Grade™ to help kids with their studies. The Club is a place where kids can drop in, so they're less likely to drop out.
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THE LIST
Neil Morton
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1 **Leafs worth $1 billion.** The Toronto Maple Leafs franchise is now worth a whopping $1 billion, according to Forbes, making them the first team in the NHL to hit that figure. It's like the longer the Leafs go playing mediocre hockey and not making the playoffs, the more the brand is worth! Enough already.

2 **TipMine.** From how to take a perfect basketball shot, to dealing with arthritis, to tricks to beating nail-biting, a new Canadian website called TipMine has advice on just about everything. And you can even submit your own text or video tips to share with others. So stop biting your nails and check it out.

3 **#Babynames.** A couple named their newborn Like after Facebook last year, and this week it was revealed a couple who are obviously big Twitter fans apparently named their baby girl Hashtag — full name Hashtag Jameson. Just you wait: Someone in 2013 will name their baby Pinning after Pinterest.

4 **The smile epidemic.** A social-innovation project based out of Waterloo focuses on making people and organizations happy. The Smile Epidemic (@Smile__Epidemic on Twitter) suggests that doing simple things that make you smile for 30 days can change the way you look at the world. Go to TheSmileEpidemic.com to find out how to participate. And give a smile today.

5 **Coldplay.** Many fans got a rush of blood to the head when the band announced it's taking a long break from touring. "This is the last big show for three years or so," the band's leader Chris Martin said at a recent gig. Maybe Martin wants to spend more time with wife Gwyneth Paltrow having date nights in, listening to Coldplay songs like The Scientist.

6 **150 Shades Of Play.** Sexperts Em and Lo are releasing a new book, 150 Shades of Play: A Beginner's Guide to Kink, an A-to-Z manual that serves as kind of a companion piece to the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy — but with real advice and quality writing. It's already working: I am cuffed to a bed wearing a kinky costume talking dirty as I dictate this to my wife.

7 **Chris Brown.** Imagine a Twitterverse free of Chris Brown? Well, that's the Christmas gift the R&B singer with massive anger issues gave us by deleting his account after sending misogynistic, violent tweets at comedian Jenny Johnson in response to much tamer tweets Johnson directed his way. Fingers crossed he never reactivates it.

8 **Milking.** The new planking is milking, which involves pouring containers of milk over your head in a public place. It originated with dudes in Newcastle, England. I think I did this as a submission move during a food fight in my high-school cafeteria in Peterborough in 1988. So these Newcastle dudes totally ripped me off. They just weren't born yet to know it. The video now has almost half a million views. Watch the hilarity at metronews.ca.

9 **Jenna Marbles.** If you haven't heard of entertainer/comedian Jenna Mourey, a.k.a. Jenna Marbles, you must check out her YouTube channel, which has nearly five million subscribers. With her (profanity-laced) social-commentary vids like Things I Don't Understand About Girls, and Apps Are Ruining My Life, she is hysterical fun.

10 **Google's Mr. Dressup.** Google Canada celebrated the 85th birthday of the late Ernie "Mr. Dressup" Coombs on Monday by placing a doodle of him on google.ca, with puppets Casey and Finnegan. Mr. Dressup was an iconic Canadian children's show that ran from 1967 to 1996. If you want to know more about Ernie Coombs and his place in pop culture, Google him.

11 **Lindsay Lohan.** The train wreck that is Lindsay Lohan had another normal week in the life that is Lindsay Lohan: She got arrested. Yes, late Wednesday night, she was arrested for allegedly punching a woman at an N.Y.C. nightclub. This girl needs the world's largest intervention ever.

Tiny egg no small potatoes

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Record-breaking egg

Man thinks he has smallest hen egg

A bed-and-breakfast owner who believes he has found the world's smallest hen's egg confessed he took it in his pocket to show his pals at the pub.

Paul Rae found the dime-sized egg on Sunday alongside three normal ones in his henhouse at the business he runs with his wife, Margaret, in Humshaugh, Northumberland, northeast England. **METRO**

Owner's viewpoint

"After I found it, I had a quick look online, then I took it to the pub. My friends said I should get in touch with the Guinness Book of Records."

Paul Rae, 52, owner of the Walwick Farm House bed and breakfast
Rae admitted he keeps his prized find more safely now. "I don't carry it in my pocket now; it's wrapped in cotton wool," he said.

But wait!

Rival egg hopes to break record first

Rae's discovery comes at the same time Harry Evans found an egg that he claimed was barely larger than a dime at his farm near the market town of Bakewell, Derbyshire, central England.

"(Evans') weighed 7.3 grams but mine was just five grams," Rae said. "It's certainly not longer than 2.5 centimetres, which his was — it's less than that in length." **METRO**

Egg-laying business

It's a stone-cold wholaidit

Now Rae is hoping to beat Evans to the record books.

"There is no category for the world's smallest chicken egg, as far as I know, so I am going to try and get it recorded," Rae said.

Yet sadly he doesn't know which of his four Lohmann Brown hens, named Margaret's Girls in honour of his wife, spawned the now-famous egg. **METRO**

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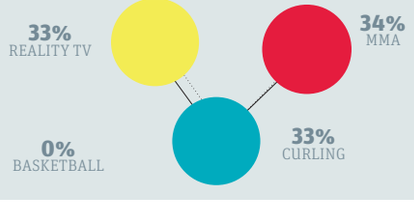

Twitter

@iChris: I'm all for minimalism/etc. but I'm happy to see colour back in the iTunes sidebar.

@knownastron: Just put 85% of my equity into RIMM. Diversification is for losers.

@Theotherhilary: a tiny part of me dies every time I see a sign with "CONFECTIONARY" on it

@evandrisner: What's more ridiculous Saskatoon; A toll bridge so those that need it pay for it, or a huge tax hike for everyone? #yxe #fb

@KellyMacsymic: I voted for the new north bridge, but hey, fixing roads is good with me too

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Keira Knightley wears imperialist Russian style well in Anna Karenina. HANDOUT

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To Russia, with love

Anna Karenina. Luxe setting, costumes and Keira Knightley's cheekbones make for a screenplay that felt a bit too staged

Richard: Mark, the story itself is rather simple and has been told many times, so what distinguishes this version, aside from the cast (more on that later), is the sumptuous staging. Every frame of the film drips with beauty, from the sets to the clothes to Knightley's cheekbones. But that's to be expected from a big retelling of the story. What really captures my eye — and mind — is the unconventional way director Joe Wright has chosen to tell the tale. What did you think of the mix of reality and fantasy?

Mark: I think Joe Wright, to his credit, wanted to take the stiffness out of a classic. Setting the movie in a theatre is an unusual move, which makes it feel intimate but also a bit claustrophobic and gimmicky. Perhaps he was trying to say that people in pre-revolutionary Russia were forced to play their social roles and this is the undoing of Karenina. The theatre setting allows for some breathtaking transitions but sometimes left me scratching my head.

RC: It's a risky bit of staging to be sure, but I imagined I was watching an Anna Karenina opera, with all the implied drama and grandeur, but none of the music. I think it's a brilliant piece of staging for a story that has enough passion and tragedy for two operas. What did you think of Knightley? She has a face meant to be framed by fur hats and veils, but apart from looking the part, she carefully modulates Anna's descent from socialite to outcast with grace and dignity while allowing notes of frustration and misery to seep through.

MB: Your comment about music is interesting to me because at times I thought the actors were just about to break into song! I thought Knightley, who has to carry the movie, has the evanescent presence of a great silent movie actress. It was Vronsky (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) that felt miscast. He should be fatally dashing, but he just seems callow and expressionless. He's just not seductive enough to make me believe Anna would throw her life away for him. Jude Law, on the other hand, is perfect as the wronged husband. And it took a lot of guts for him to sport that hairline.

RC: You got that right. He does leave his matinee idol days behind with that haircut. I also liked Matthew Macfadyen, whose élan and rakish charm turns the womanizing Oblonsky into one of the film's high spots.

MB: There's great wit from a screenplay by Tom Stoppard and a sumptuous production design, but in the end — wow! — can Keira Knightley rock a hoop skirt.

Synopsis

Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's classic story set in imperialist Russia begins with a family in tatters because of marital transgression. St. Petersburg aristocrat and socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) travels to Moscow to visit her womanizing brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) and his long-suffering wife Dolly (Kelly Macdonald). Her counsel saves their marriage, but the trip proves to be the undoing of hers.

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Trouble With the Curve (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:40

Gerard Butler talks about dealing with midlife crisis

Rom com. Actor can relate to film's character — a former soccer star who causes chaos around him

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In Playing For Keeps, Gerard Butler is an ex-soccer star trying to get his life back together. HANDOUT

Gerard Butler produced and stars in Playing for Keeps, a romantic comedy about an ex-international soccer star who returns to small-town America, where his son and estranged wife live.

As George discovers and Butler knows, being famous can create problems.

"You get that as an actor in my position," says Butler.

"You can cause a bit of chaos even with the best intentions wherever you go. (My character) George is chaotic on the inside and he causes chaos wherever he goes, but he's trying his best to take the right path. That right path is often blocked by those who would like to get their claws into him because he's an appealing character and yet in himself he doesn't feel that at all. That's what's interesting about him," he says.

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman don't work often. How did you lure them back?

I was kind of surprised myself. They were fun roles for them to get into, they are juicy comedic crazy roles and yet they speak to you in a way that's relatable. People get those characters, where they're coming from.... That's what I loved about this movie.

What wisdom do you have for men in a midlife crisis?

For a man, it's about growing up.

You want to keep the child in you, but at the same time you've got those quick fixes and learn about commitment and sacrificing something and ultimately going beyond distraction and love (to) family (and) career. ...

But that's tough because in this life we live there are so many temptations and distractions and you can't deny it, they're fun and exciting. I'm thinking, 'Yes, that's it.'

I'm finally growing up and then for a long period of time I'm thinking I have no purpose, no real maturity, and I'm not handling my responsibilities very well.

As one of the Sexiest Man Alive (2004) any words for Channing Tatum?

That was a long time ago! Just be yourself and you're judged on that. If you have to try, it's pretty sad. I'm sure Tatum didn't have to try.

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Comedy

The Oranges

Director. Julian Farino

Stars. Leighton Meester, Hugh Laurie

On a perfect street, in a perfect town, live two seemingly perfect families: the Wallings and the Ostroffs. But when the Ostroff's only child, Nina (Meester) and the unhappily married Mr. Walling (Laurie), have an affair—and then quickly and inexplicably announce they're "in love"—everyone's perfect life begins to unravel. The biggest problem with The Oranges — aside from the feeble jokes — is that it is wholly unbelievable and yet, at the same time, completely predictable.

REGAN REID

Thriller

Killing Them Softly

Director. Andrew Dominik

Stars. Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini

Brad Pitt stalks around New Orleans as a hitman in Andrew Dominik's thriller, which drains the juice out of its underworld scenario by reminding us at every turn that it's actually an allegory about the American economy. The film is twisty and violent but also insufferably pretentious; it acts as if it's the first movie to equate crime and corporate thinking, when it's actually just the latest in a long line.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Demi Moore ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Moore on the mend: Is a half-her-age hunk helping her heal?

Demi Moore has reportedly moved on from her year-old split from Ashton Kutcher and is now dating 26-year-old art dealer Vito Schnabel, according to People magazine. Moore, who recently celebrated her 50th birthday, and Schnabel were reportedly "dancing and grinding all over each other" at a recent party in Jodhpur, India, thrown by Naomi Campbell. "It's really happening," a source says of the pairing. "There was a time when Vito was kind of cool with (Kutcher), so it seems a little weird." Moore and Schnabel are expected to attend the upcoming Art Basel celebration in Miami.

Twitter

@TheRealRoseanne
I haven't conceded the election since my votes in 24 states have NOT BEEN COUNTED yet! what kind of system do we have-a winner b4 the count?

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Lindsay Lohan was just arrested in NYC for allegedly punching a woman in the face. 50 bucks says it was a TV critic who hated "Liz & Dick".

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That awkward moment when you wave at a cute little girl and the dude standing right in front of her thinks you're flirting with him!

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Big day: Just paid-off my student loan!

The Word

Pull out the pre-written, Lindsay Lohan story template

THE WORD
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With all the divorces, marriages and arrests I report on, being a gossip columnist can sometimes feel like being in Groundhog's Day — and Lindsay Lohan is my Ned Ryerson.

Yes, the troubled starlet was arrested yet again for punching another woman at a New York City nightclub around 4 a.m. on Thursday morning. Lohan apparently was "partying hard" at the club, called Avenue, and was "looking for trouble," a source tells RadarOnline. That trouble manifested itself through a clubgoer named Tiffany Eve Mitchell. Apparently, Mitchell asked Lohan for a photograph. Lohan, who was "drinking heavily and doing cocaine," said no and was "really rude about it." Mitchell kept dancing but Lohan wouldn't let this infraction go. Again, from another eye-witness: "She totally sucker-punched that girl in the face out of nowhere! Nobody saw it coming," RadarOnline.com reports. "Lindsay went wild. She was kicking and screaming, cursing at the girl and then spat at her. The girl looked like she wanted to fight back at Lindsay, but was too startled by all the commotion to react."

So, the cops were called. Lohan was spotted attempting to leave the club, hopping into the passenger seat of her car before cops pulled her out and arrested her. Lohan was heard yelling, "Are you kidding me?" as she was led away, a source says.

She was released four hours later and given a citation and a court date. Being a refined wordsmith, I'm not good at math, but by my calculation, that is probably her one millionth court appointment to date.

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Halle Berry

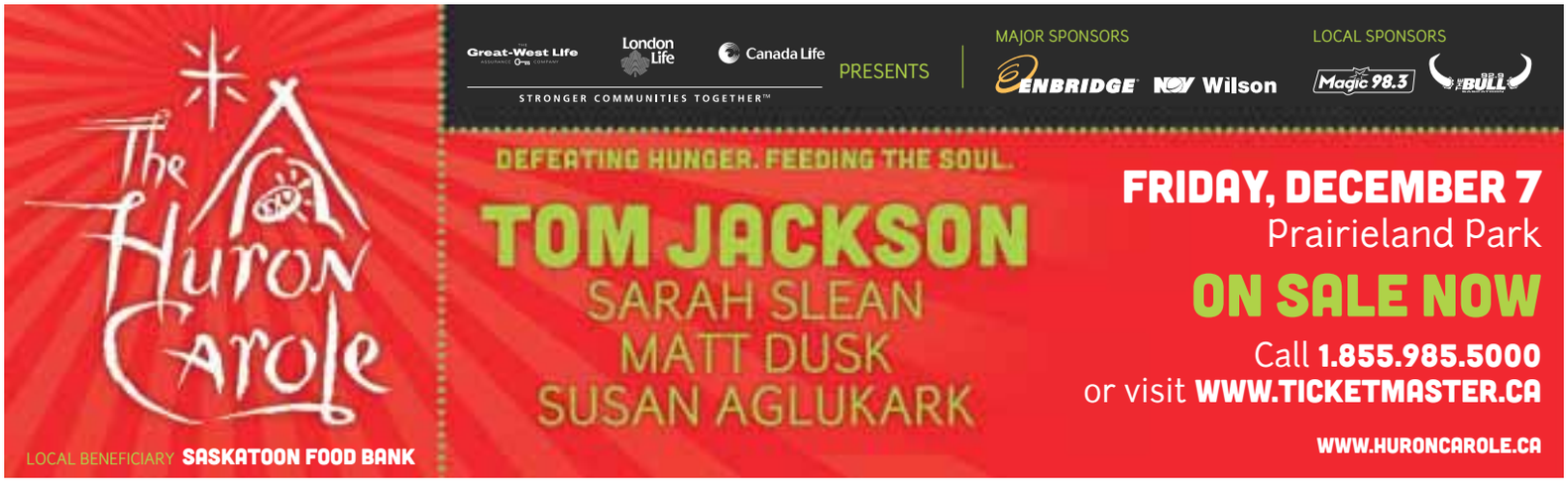
Halle's den of drama for sale, but she's waiting for the Berry best offer

Halle Berry is reportedly selling the Hollywood Hills mansion where her recent Thanksgiving celebrations ended in a brawl between fiancé Olivier Martinez and ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry, according to Hollyscoop. But the Oscar winner isn't unloading it because of the recent bad memories. Berry secretly listed the five-bedroom, 5,900 square-foot home a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving and received an $11 million offer last week, but she's holding out for more.

Angus T. Jones

Two and a Half Men star to return to sitcom after slinging mud

Despite making news with a video in which he called Two and a Half Men filth and urged viewers to stop watching, Angus T. Jones will be returning to the hit sitcom when production picks back up in January, according to TMZ. "Angus expects to report to work after the holiday break," a source says. "He intends to honour his contract through the end of the season."



Give Martha Stewart a run for her money

First dinner party. Here are some tips to ensure your guests enjoy their evening

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Sure, beer and pizza are perennial party favourites.

But treating guests to a home-cooked meal? Now there's a delicious accomplishment.

Planning your first dinner party may sound like a heaping helping of work.

But if you're not the type to keep coasters and cocktail napkins on hand, have no fear: playing host isn't all that hard.

You don't even have to have a full-fledged dining room. Ottawa food blogger Kelly Brisson regularly seats her dinner guests around a large, folding card table that she easily stores away.

"Once the food's on it, no one really looks at the table anyway," she laughs.

Brisson has written about crafting simple, savoury meals on her blog, The Gouda Life, for the last four years, and is well-versed on dinner party do's and don'ts.

The first thing a new host or hostess should keep in mind, she suggests, is keeping a cool head.

"You really want to spend the day enjoying the process of cooking and just setting up the table the day of the party," she says.

Reduce your day-of duties by tidying your space the day before and preparing side dishes in advance that can be easily reheated prior to your guests' arrival.

When it comes to the feat of the feast, consider items that you have cooked up before, or that you're comfortable making and know taste great.

Preparation is one of the keys to a dinner party. ISTOCK

Keep friends' dietary restrictions in mind as you plan your menu. No one should feel left out or think they have to bring their own dish.

That said, if a guest offers to bring something, it's smart to accept. "Let them help you out," says Brisson.

Stock up on ice, Brisson suggests, and have some extra wine and non-alcoholic beverages on hand. Another tip: Craft a special cocktail to offer guests as they arrive. "It makes people feel welcome and it gives you something to talk about — a bit of an icebreaker."

Most importantly? Have fun. "It's just dinner — whoever you've having over is there to eat and enjoy your company," she sums up.

Easy appetizer. Roasted Curry Cauliflower Dip

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Place cauliflower, garlic cloves, curry, cumin, cinnamon and salt into bowl. Drizzle with olive oil. Toss onto baking sheet and roast 15 minutes, until edges of florets are golden brown. Flip and roast another 8 minutes until everything is golden and fork-tender.

2. Place in food processor with Greek yogurt, lemon juice and a drizzle of olive oil and blend until smooth. Taste for seasoning and add more salt if necessary. Spoon into large bowl, add a touch more olive oil and sprinkle of cayenne pepper. Serve with veggies and pita.

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized florets
- 4 cloves garlic, whole
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) curry powder
- 1/4 tsp (1ml) ground cumin
- pinch cinnamon and salt
- olive oil
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) plain Greek yogurt
- 1 to 2 tbsp (15 to 30 ml) lemon juice
- cayenne pepper, to garnish (optional)

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The last of the firsts

This is the final in a weeklong series of articles chronicling some of the rites of passage many of Metro's readers will experience as they leave the nest or school and head out on their own.

- **Share.** Have you ever thrown a dinner party? Any tips you'd like to share in making it a success? Visit metronews.ca/features/firsts, tweet us or even turn to the person next to you and share your stories.

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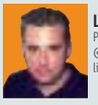
Excellent dinner mates



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While I like having people over to the house as much as the next guy, plotting a dinner party ranks just below ironing on my list of things I can't stand doing. I know I'm in the minority.

With more and more people DIYing their homesteads into dream palaces, the inclination to have friends over to enjoy the fruits of their labours — during a nice meal accented with a glass of wine — has never been stronger.

Finding an all-purpose dinner wine that will work well with a variety of menus while appealing to a wide range of picky palates isn't easy.

Pinot grigio is my go-to grape on the white side. Italy's Santa Margherita 2011 Pinot Grigio ($16.95 to $21.49) has a crisp, refreshing, lightly citrusy personality that makes a very accommodating table mate.

For a red people-pleaser, think sweet rather than dry. E & J Gallo's 2010 Apothic ($14.99 to $17.99) from California has a cocktail vibe to its ripe, just-crushed red berry fruit flavour, thanks to a supportive backbone of residual sugar. Add a slight chill and it pairs remarkably well with most main courses. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Make it fancy with Ragu

Ingredients

- 4-5 lb beef brisket
- 4 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) flour
- 1 onion, halved and sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced thin
- 1 cup (250 ml) dry red wine
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef stock
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- 1 lg can plum tomatoes
- 3-4 bay leaves
- 2 tbsp (30ml) tomato paste
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 1 lb penne pasta
- 1/2 cup (118 ml) grated Parmesan
- 1/2 cup (118 ml) basil leaves, torn
- good quality olive oil
- red pepper flakes

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Cut brisket into 4 pieces. Warm 2 tbsp of olive oil in heavy, oven-safe saucepan with fitted lid over med-high until sizzling. Toss beef with flour and, after shaking off excess, brown pieces 2 at a time in pan until browned on both sides, 3 mins. per side. Set aside. Add other tbsp olive oil and onion to pan, and cook until just brown. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds. Add red wine, scraping up all bits stuck to pan, and cook until liquid has reduced by half. Add stock, water, tomatoes (break them up with your hands as you add), bay leaves, tomato paste and honey. Stir to combine and add beef back. Cover with a tight fitting lid and cook in oven for 2 hours, until beef is easily shredded. Remove lid and cook for another 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and shred the meat using forks.

This Braised Beef Ragu with Penne serves 4 to 6. KELLY BRISSON, THEGOUDALIFE.CA

2. With 20 minutes left, cook the pasta until al dente according to package instructions. Serve the ragu over pasta and finish with Parmesan, basil and olive oil. Add red pepper flakes for a kick. COURTESY OF KELLY BRISSON, THEGOUDALIFE.CA (ADAPTED FROM DONNA HAY)

NHL lockout

Bettman proposes new plan as mediation fails

After arriving at another dead end in negotiations, the NHL and NHL Players' Association emerged from two days of mediation with a new direction to consider.

Commissioner Gary Bettman proposed Thursday that the leadership from both sides step aside for the next bargaining session, leaving a group of owners and players to try and break the stalemate.

"After spending several hours with both sides over two days, the presiding mediators concluded that the parties remained far apart, and that no progress toward a resolution could be made through further mediation at this point in time," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Thursday in a statement.

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NHL

Wild goalie diagnosed with multiple sclerosis

Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

The Wild confirmed Thursday that Harding is undergoing treatment for the disease, which attacks the body's immune system and affects the central nervous system.

The 28-year-old Harding told the Minneapolis Star Tribune he plans to keep playing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Josh Harding
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Coyotes captain Shane Doan sent out word that there would be a mini-camp this week, luring players to Scottsdale, Ariz. About 30 players showed up to work out and play in scrimmages simulating game speed. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Arizona an oasis for locked-out NHLers

Looking for action. Players from across North America descend on star-studded scrimmages in desert

Quoted

"It just picks up the competitiveness and everyone wants to prove that they're capable of playing and it's a lot of fun."

Phoenix Coyotes captain Shane Doan

Phoenix Coyotes goalie Mike Smith lowered into a crouch as the odd-man rush developed in front of him.

The puck went to the left wing and he followed, lodging his skate against the post. A touch pass sent the puck across the front of Smith's crease and he slid over in a flash, whipping his right pad out for a sprawling save, setting off a collective "Oh!" from fans lining the glass behind him.

NHL players on the ice, competing hard, fans cheering them on — it almost felt like a real game.

Of course, it was only a scrimmage in front of a couple hundred people at the Coyotes' practice facility, but as the NHL lockout drags on, fans — and the players — will take anything they can get.

"This is awesome," said Jane Pittet of Scottsdale, Ariz., who left work to catch Thursday's workout at the Ice Den. "I wish it were the real thing, but this is fun to watch."

The Phoenix Coyotes have been holding informal workouts at their practice rink since the lockout started and this week were joined by more than a dozen players from around the league.

Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby, San Jose forward Patrick Marleau, Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller and Dallas forward Brenden Morrow all made the trip to the desert to skate with the Coyotes.

It was a chance to step up in competition and play against someone other than their teammates.

"It was fun to be out there and (say), OK, I've actually got to stop this puck," Miller said. "I kind of tried to pretend I was back in front of the home crowd and had to make a stop, so it was good."

The Coyotes have had good turnouts for their player-organized workouts, skating with a dozen or so players who haven't gone to play overseas or in the AHL, while a handful of players from other teams have occasionally joined in.

Crosby helped organize a couple of gatherings in Dallas and Vail, Colo., and the group headed to Arizona this week to join the Coyotes.

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Sinclair snubbed for soccer award

Canadian international Christine Sinclair won't be on the shortlist for this year's FIFA women's player of the year award. GETTY IMAGES FILE

John Herdman says it's a "travesty" that Canada's soccer captain Christine Sinclair has been snubbed for FIFA's women's player of the year award.

But the coach of the Canadian team that captured bronze at the London Olympics said a lack of knowledge about the women's game is more to blame than any malicious intent.

And besides, the coach added, international recognition isn't what his star striker plays for.

"It's a travesty," Herdman said from Vancouver. "A player who can score a hat trick in a semifinal and lead her country to the first (Olympic team) medal since 1936, the first time Canada's ever been on a (soccer) podium at one of these events, and still be one of the leading scorers in the world ... and she can't get in the top three.

Quoted

"At the end of the day, you don't want to be pointing fingers at people. It is what it is."

Canadian women's team coach John Herdman, on Sinclair's snub

"There's something wrong somewhere. But at the end of the day, you don't want to be pointing fingers at people. It is what it is."

The 29-year-old from Burnaby, B.C., led Canada to bronze in London in spectacular fashion, scoring an Olympic-record six goals to win the Golden Boot. She recorded a hat trick in a 4-3 extra-time semifinal loss to the U.S.

Americans Abby Wambach, Alex Morgan and Brazil's Marta make up the final three, after a vote by national team coaches, captains and reporters.

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Falcons steal a march on Saints

NFL. New Orleans quarterback Brees has 54-game TD pass streak ended and is intercepted five times

Week 13

Falcons	Saints
23	13

The Atlanta Falcons moved to the brink of clinching a division championship.

Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints wound up with egg on their faces.

After racing to a 17-0 lead, the Falcons turned to their defence to make it stand up, picking off five of Brees' passes and ending his NFL-record touchdown streak in a 23-13 victory over the Saints on Thursday night.

The Falcons (11-1) will clinch the NFC South with a month to go if Tampa Bay loses at Denver on Sunday. They also dealt a big blow to the Saints (5-7) and their fading playoff hopes.

William Moore had two of the five interceptions, which were the most of Brees' career and came four days after he had two passes picked off and returned for touchdowns in a loss to San Francisco.

Brees had thrown a touchdown pass in 54 consecutive games, breaking Johnny Unitas' long-standing record earlier this season. He had an apparent scoring pass to Darren Sproles late in the first half, but it was nullified by a penalty.

"I didn't realize that until we walked off the field," Falcons coach Mike Smith said. "That's an unbelievable streak. Drew Brees is an outstanding quarterback. The way the defence played tonight speaks volumes. The guys had gone out there and thrown touchdown after touchdown game after game after game."

When the Saints arrived in Atlanta, their bus was pelted by eggs at the airport, a sign of the long rivalry between the teams. New Orleans had won four in a row and 11 of 13.

This time, Michael Turner scored on Atlanta's opening possession, Turner's 58th touchdown in five seasons with the Falcons, breaking the team record he had shared with Terance Mathis.

Tony Gonzalez hauled in a touchdown pass from Matt Ryan and Matt Bryant booted three field goals, including a 55-yarder.

The defence did the rest. Thomas DeCoud, Sean Weatherspoon and Jonathan Babineaux also had interceptions for Atlanta, and another pick by Corey Peters was wiped out by a penalty.

Brees had a couple of games with four picks, but nothing like this. He finished 28 of 50 for 341 yards.

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Saints in peril

The defending NFC South champion Saints lost their second in a row and will likely have to win out to have even a faint hope of making the post-season during a tumultuous year that was marred by a bounty scandal and a season-long suspension for coach Sean Payton.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, centre, is hit by Atlanta Falcons Kroy Biermann, left, and Stephen Nicholas on Thursday in Atlanta.

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Curling

Undefeated Lawton just keeps rolling at Canada Cup

Stefanie Lawton can now count the defending champions among her victims at the Capital One Canada Cup curling competition.

The Saskatoon skip improved to 4-0 on Thursday with a 7-5 win over Team Jones in Draw 5 action. Trailing 3-2 after Kaitlyn Lawes and her Winnipeg rink put up a deuce in the fourth end, Lawton came back with two in the sixth and two in the eighth before capping the victory with a point in the 10th.

It was Lawton's second close win of the day. Earlier, she needed an extra end to defeat Winnipeg's Chelsea Carey 6-5. Lawton's success in Moose Jaw, Sask., is moving her closer to a possible Olympic berth. The winner of both the men's and women's tournaments will receive one of the six automatic qualification spots for the 2013 Roar of the Rings — the tournament that will determine who advances to the 2014 Winter Olympics.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Life is good and getting better by the moment but for some strange reason you seem to be fearing the worst at the moment. Don't worry, whatever disaster you think is lurking round the next corner will fail to materialize.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Steer clear of disputes and disagreements that have nothing directly to do with you. If you allow yourself to be dragged in by one side or the other, you may never get out again — and you'll lose friends on both sides.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You have worked hard to get to your present position in life, so don't feel guilty just because not everyone hasn't been as fortunate as you. Lady Luck smiles most on those who deserve it — and you do.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
An opportunity to get on in the world will arrive out of the blue today or over the weekend. It could mean a promotion but it could also mean that you pack a bag and travel to some exotic land.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You have accomplished a lot this year but you know you are capable of more, so step up a gear and let the world know what a special individual you are. The planets will do something to give you a push today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to get over the idea that everyone sees the world the same way as you. If nothing else, it puts you at a disadvantage by making it hard for you to take on board other people's insights and discoveries.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You must find time in your busy schedule to let partners and loved ones know how much you care for them. On the home front, especially, you seem to have been a bit distant of late. Do some fun things together today.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
Don't worry if certain people seem less than enthusiastic about your plans because most likely they are jealous and want to see you fail. You won't, of course. You'll succeed brilliantly and won't let them forget it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you do small favours for other people now, they will do big favours for you later on. So, make an effort and make friends with those you interact with both personally and professionally. You may need their help soon.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
An opportunity to move up in the world will come your way today and you must grab it with both hands. It will certainly mean more work and more responsibility but since when have you been a stranger to those?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You need to make amends for something you did or something you said a while back. It may not have been your intention to be hurtful but the fact is you were and egos can be such fragile things.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Make sure you get the respect you deserve from those you work with. Sometimes you can be a bit too easygoing for your own good but today you really must put your own needs first.

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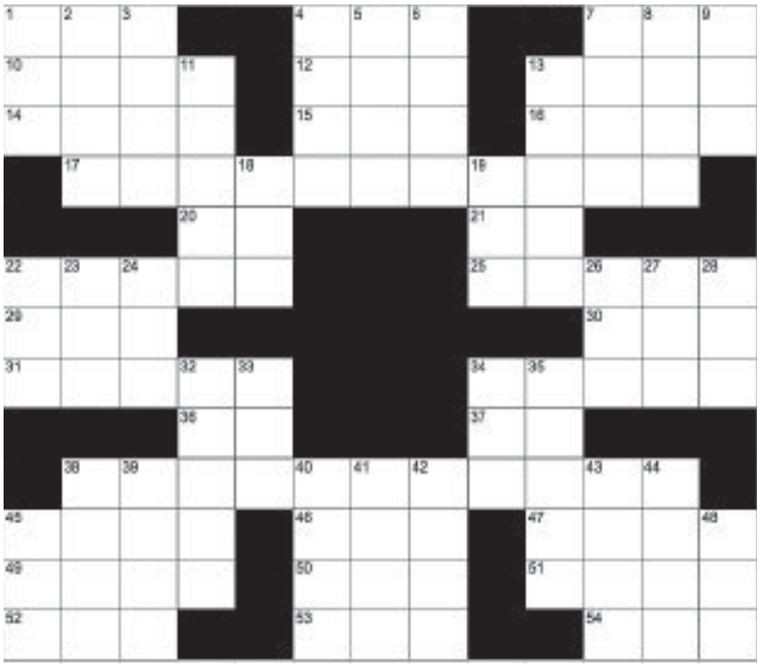
Crossword

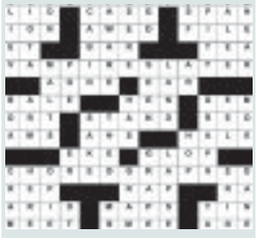
BY BETTY MARTIN



Across
1. Request
4. Wise old bird
7. Alice spin-off
10. Ogle
12. Prior to
13. "A Simple —"
14 Courtroom bargain
15. Plural suffix
16. Flying (prefix)
17. Novice workers
20. "That is" Latin abbr.
21. Gone with the Wind actress Olivia – Havilland
22. Tons
25. Emmy cousin
29. Time Warner cable network (abbr.)
30. Casual greeting
31. Sour
34. Frighten away
36. He played "Dirty Harry" (init.)
37. Ready – Not
38. One who finishes hair (2 words)
45. West Germany capital
46. Yes, to Angus
47. Only
49. Eager
50. Late night weekend skit show (init.)
51. Predecessor of Johnny Carson
52. Microsoft internet site (abbr.)
53. Predatory fish
54. Resort

Down
1. Swiss mountain
2. Actress Ward of Once and Again
3. Save for oneself
4. Sheriff Taylor's son
5. Songbird
6. — We Forget
7. On the lam
8. Phyllis's never seen husband on Mary Tyler Moore
9. Mrs. John Lennon
11. Speedy
13. Walks back and forth
18. Telephone book listing (abbr.)
19. Wedding vows
22. — Na Na
23. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (abbr.)
24. Agency of Record (abbr.)
26. Part of a Dancing with the Stars dance
27. — Lingus
28. Deli bread
32. Cake covering
33. James Van – Beek of Don't Trust the B—in Apartment 23
34. Sun God
35. Curl
38. Swine
39. Soon
40. Envelope abbr.
41. Actress Daly of Judging Amy
42. Scream
43. Oceans
44. Ensnare
45. Emeril's favourite expression
48. Time frame

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	5		7		4		8	
			9		5			
8		9				2		7
		4	5		7	1		
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		2	1		9	8		
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			8		6			
	6		3		1		9	

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